lise the design of the statue. In September, 1982, the size and design of the statue, to be cast in bronze, were finally approved. Contract was awarded in July, 1984 and the plaster cast was completed and approved in November, 1987. The statue is likely to be installed by January, 1989.

Fall in the water level in the Yamuna

1747. SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the water level in the Yamuna has receded during this year;

(b) whether Delhi would be facing severe water shortage in the coming years as a result thereof; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken to meet this shortage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH):) Pond level in the river Yamuna Wazirabad was 670 ft. as against normal level of 672 ft. on 17-2-88.

(b) and (c) There is a likelihood of shortage of water in the city during the coming summer months. While, owing to the prevailing drought conditions, it may not be possible to fully overcome the scarcity, government is maintaining a continuous liaison with the State Govts. of U.P. and Haryana with a view to taking such steps as may be necessary for maintaining the supply of water to the city as close to the present level as possible.

Guest Houses in private bungalows of South Delhi

1748. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state;

(a) what is the number of Guest Houses being run in private bungalows in Jor Bagh, Golf Link and Defence Colony in South Delhi;

(b) how many of them are on the approved list of the Delhi Tourism Development Corporation; and

(c) what check is exercised by the Corporation on the amenities provided and tariff charged by such Guest Houses?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) Delhi Administration has not granted any licence to run a Guest House in private bungalows in Jor Bagh, Golf Link and Defence Colony in South Delhi.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Delhi Tourism Development Corporation is running a Hotel Reservation Scheme from its tourist information counters. Hotels/Guest Houses are brought under this Scheme after their inspection by the Corporation from the point of view of the amenities provided and the tariff charged by them. To prevent overcharging, the tariff is mentioned on the reservation voucher which is issued by the Corporation to a customer at the time of booking.

1749. [*Transferred to the 22nd March*, 1988]

Clearance to Pepsi Cola project

1750. SHRI SHARAD YADAV:
SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pepsi Cola project in collaboration with the Tata held with Voltas and the Punjab Agro Industries Corporation in the country has been cleared by the Government;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the project is likely to hinder considerably the agricultural research in the country and the tie up would virtually bring the agricultural research under private sector;

(c) if so, what are the considerations which weighed with Government to enter into such collaboration; and

(d) what precautionary measures have been taken by Government against the privatisation of agricultural research in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) In view of (b) above, the question does not arise.

Import of white cement by NAFED

1751. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 2301 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 8th May, 1987 and state:

(a) the licence under which the import of white cement by NAFED was made;

(b) whether the letter of credit opened by NAFED for import of white cement bore the import licence number which was issued to NAFED as an incentive for exports; and

(c) what provision of import policy was mentioned in the said letter of credit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) NAFED was issued an additional licence for import in 1983-84 as incentive against exports. Accordingly it placed order for import of white cement. Subsequently, it was understood by NAFED that the import of white cement was under OGL for stock and sale and its import did not require additional licence. NAFED claimed its clearance under OGL under 1984-85 policy.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The provision of Import Policy mentioned in the said letter of credit was:

> OGL Appendix 6, List 8, Part III, Item No. 33 of AM - 1984-85.

Editing of T.V. News Bulletin

1752. SHRI SHARAD YADAV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that editing of the News Bulletin for telecast by Doordarshan is done at the Ministerial level instead of by the Producers and Editors of News Bulletin and that, more often than not, minute instructions are issued changes in the News Bulletins thereby hampering their functioning in a professional manner; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Closure of DCM Mills without payment of wages to workers

1753. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Cloth and General Mills management had recently decided to close down the